make its own programmes by itself or by commissioning outside producers for the purpose. However, the details have not been worked out.

Projects of the HSCL in Libya

*190. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the projects and their value which the Hindustan Steelworks Construction Limited (HSCL) has secured so far in Libya;

(b) what is the original, extended and expected completion date for each of these projects;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Libyan client has called for encashment of bank guarantees due to the non-performance of the company in a school project;

(d) if so, what are the reasons for such non-performance;

(e) whether the HSCL intends to abandon the project or to resume its work on it; and

(f) what is the estimated total loss on account of encashment of bank guarantees and outstanding payments which the HSCL would have to bear in case the work is not resumed and the project is cancelled?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL): (a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b) The projects secured by HSCL in Libya, value thereof and their original and revised targets of completion are indicated below :—

Sl. No.	Projects	Works		Original date of completion	Revised and expected date of completion
		No.	Value (Rs. in crores)		
A.	IN THE WESTERN SECTOR				
1.	28 + 2 SBP*	29	45.5	Oct. '81	Dec. '89
2.	Main Training Centre	1	7.0	April '81	Completed
3.	29 SBP*	11	13.6	July '83	Dec. '89
4.	11 SBP*	7	14.2	Nov. '82	Dec. '89
5.	Quoranic School	1	2.8	June '83	Dec. '89
	SUB-TOTAL :	49	83.1		
B.	IN THE EASTERN SECTOR				
6.	25 SBP*	16	27.6	June '83	Dec. '89
	GRAND-TOTAL :	65	110.7		

*SBP stands for School Building Projects.

NOTE : Original contracts are in Libyan Dinars and value calculated is based on Exchange rate—1 LD = Rs. 40/-.

(c) Yes, Sir. HSCL had received a demand from the Libyan clients for encashment of 4 bank guarantees.

(d) Reasons for non-performance are several including non-payment/delays in payment of bills by the Libyan clients, drastic changes in Libyan local regulations and nationalisation of business, including transport industry, leading to step hike in prices, restnictions in imports, changes in repatriation rates, and delays in taking over completed works by the Libyan clients etc.

(e) No decision has so far been taken.

(f) Total loss will depend on the decision taken and final outcome thereof.

Estimated Rabi crop

*191. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the esimated Rabi Crop for the year 1987-88 and the short fall, if any, from the target;

(b) whether the quantity of foodgrains procured during the year 1987-88 is adequate to meet the demand; and

(c) if not, whether there is any proposal to import foodgrains?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL) : (a) Firm estimates of producton of rabi crops for the crop year 1987-88 are not yet due from the States.

(b) and (c) A quantity of 6.4 million tonnes of rice and 3.1 million tonnes of wheat has been procured out of the production in 1987-88, as on 3.5.1988. However, with a view to replenish the buffer stocks, the Government has recently finalised imports of one million tonnes of wheat from the United States.

Plans for basic amenities in slums in the country

*192. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it appears likely that slums would continue for long in some form or other and therefore Government are thinking to provide them some basic amenities; and

(b) if so, what plans Government have in this regard and the targets fixed for 1988-89 and the coming year?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) Considering that urban slums cannot be completely eradicated in the near future, the present policy of the Government emphasises environmental improvement of urban slums *in situ*, rather than their massive clearance or relocation.

(b) Basic amenities like drinking water supply, sewers, storm water drains, community baths and latrines, widening and paving of existing lanes street lighting etc. are provided in urban slums under the State Sector Scheme of Environmental Improvement of Urban Slums (ETUS. Against the 7th Plan target of coverage of 9 million slum dwellers under the scheme 5.73 million slum dwellers have been covered during the first three years. The balance is expected to be covered during the last two years of the Plan.

Unclaimed deposits with the Provident Fund Commissioners

*193. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge sums of deposits had been laying unclaimed with the Employees Provident Fund Commissioner in the country;